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MINUTES

OF THE

SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD WITH

MT. GILEAD CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY,

AUGUST 4, 5 AND 6, 1891.

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—H. S. D. MALLORY - - - SELMA, ALA.
SECRETARY—WILLIAM F. MOSELEY - - - BRIDGES, ALA.
TREASURER—J. F. ELLIS - - - - POLK, ALA.

☞The next session will be held with Providence Church, Dallas County, five miles south of Orrville, beginning at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1892.☜

TO PREACH NEXT YEAR.

Introductory Sermon—J. M. FORTUNE.

Missionary Sermon—S. J. CATTS.

Chairmen of Committees to Report Next Year.

State Missions—S. J. Catts, Pleasant Hill, Ala.

Home Missions—J. M. Fortune, Pleasant Hill, Ala.

Foreign Missions—A. J. Dickinson, Selma, Ala.

Sunday Schools—A. Edwards, Collirene, Ala.

Education—I. A. White, Orrville, Ala.

Temperance—A. D. Lawhorn, Benton, Ala.

Ministerial Education—Jos. Swink, Carlowville, Ala.

Indigent Ministers' Fund—W. H. May, Benton, Ala.

Literature—U. J. Crumpton, Pleasant Hill, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Benton, Ala., August 8, 1891.

1. The Selma Baptist Association met in its ninth annual session with Mt. Gilead church.

2. After some minutes of devotional exercises, conducted by J. W. Dickinson, of Marion, the Association was called to order about 10 o'clock a. m. by H. S. D. Mallory, Selma, the Moderator of last year.

3. W. E. Clarke was appointed to enroll the names of delegates.

4. The churches were represented by the following brethren :

Ash Creek—G. K. Bradley, Wm. Robinson.

Benton—W. H. May, Jack Dudley.

Bethany—*Flem Walker, *A. Edwards, *J. W. Todd.

Center Ridge—Jos. Swink, J. C. Yates.

Mt. Gilead—Stewart Morgan, Ed Martin, Geo. Ernest, Ed Hicks, Leroy Pierce.

Orrville—G. W. Burt, W. F. Moseley.

Pleasant Hill—Dr U. J. Crumpton, J. W. Bailey.

Providence—R J. Hines, T. W. Berry, Louis A. Moseley, R. B. Hare.

Selma—H. S. D. Mallory, Jon Haralson, *Geo. Lancaster, *Thos. M. Johnson.

Shiloh—Miles Hardy, Jas. Lide, P. W. Johnson, D. B. Edwards, Sr., W. E. Clark.

Sister Springs—Henry Miley, *Oscar Whatly, *Bowie Smoke.

Town Creek—R. B. Hardy, *L. L. Pierce, J. F. Ellis, *Willie Quarles, R. D. Stewart.

*Absent without leave.

Pastor Delegates—S. J. Catts, A. J. Dickinson, J. M. Fortune, I. A. White.

5. Correspondents were received from the following Associations:

Alabama—J. M. Dickinson, Cahaba; J. T. Murfee, Pine Barren; John Purifoy, Shelby; W. C. Cleveland, Howard Griggs.

6. From Boards—State Mission, W B. Crumpton; Foreign Missions, J. M. Waller.

Ministerial Education—W. C. Cleveland.

Other Interests—Judson Female Institute, Dr. S. W. Averett; Howard College, Dr. B. F. Riley.

7. The Association proceeded to elect permanent officers.

8. On motion of A. Edwards, the present officers were re-elected by acclamation. They are: Moderator, H. S. D. Mallory; Clerk, W. F. Moseley; Treasurer, J. F. Ellis.

9. On motion of Eld. White, A. J. Dickinson was appointed to preach the introductory sermon in place of J. M. McCord, removed from the Association. I. A. White was appointed to preach the missionary sermon in place of Eld. Dickinson

10. After a short intermission the introductory sermon was preached by A. J. Dickinson, from Matt. 16,13–20.

11. The Moderator announced the following committee on Order of Business to report this afternoon: Jon. Haralson, S. J. Catts, R. B. Hare.

12. Adjourned with prayer by S. J. Catts.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

13. The Association re-assembled at 1:45, and after devotional exercises, conducted by J. M. Fortune, the Moderator called for business.

14. The following committees to report this session were announced by the Moderator.

Finance—J. C. Yates, Geo. Lancaster, T. W. Berry.

Documents—J. W. Bailey, P. W. Johnson, S. Morgan.

Appointments—W. E. Clark, L. A. Moseley, Thos. M. Johnson.

Time and Place—U. J. Crumpton, R. B. Hare, Jack Dudley, Ed. Hicks, G. W. Burt.

Apportionment—D. B. Edwards, Joe Swink, W. H. May, R. J. Hines.

State of Religion in Churches—S. J. Catts, I. A. White, A D. Lawhon.

16. Reading of letters from churches was next in order and R. B. Hare was appointed to read, but on motion of A J. Dickinson the reading was dispensed with and the letters referred to committee on State of Religion in Churches.

17. Report on State Missions was called for, but as the Chairman was not prepared, further time was granted him.

18. J. M. Fortune, from the committee, read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

During the last conventional year the Home Mission Board has made some Progress in the enlargement of its work. It employed thirty-five more missionaries than the year previous. These missionaries baptized 872 more persons than were baptized the previous year The total additions to mission churches were 889 more than were added the previous year.

WORK DONE.

Missionaries	406
Weeks of labor	9,570
Churches and stations	1,231
Sermons and addresses	43,453
Prayer meetings	10,527
Baptisms	5,349
Received by letter	4,638
Total additions	9,987
Sunday Schools organized	424
Teachers and pupils	13,200
Day schools	11
Teachers and pupils	1,200
Religious visits	67,638
Churches constituted	244
Houses of worship built	143
Pages of tracts distributed	1,135,712
Bibles and testaments furnished	6,00

The Levering School, for the education of Indians, has become self-sustaining

The work in Cuba goes on with unabated interest. A splendid house of worship was dedicated in Havana on the 15th of February last, which gave to our work in that city an impulse that argues great good for the future.

In other fields there is much that is encouraging.

There has also been an increase in contributions over the previous year.

Our Home Field the organ of the Board, is increasing in circulation and growing in favor with our people

Twenty-one of the missionaries of the Board labored in Alabama.

We cannot too strongly urge the importance of sustaining this Board. Its work is widening every year, and the great tides of population that annually come into our country, make our responsibilities greater than ever before.

J. M. FORTUNE, Chairman.

Discussed by J. M. Fortune, A. J. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton and W. C. Cleveland, and was adopted.

19. S. J. Catts presented the following from the Committee on Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is, after conversion, the grandest field of labor for the christian individually and in the collective capacity.

Only in the last hundred years has the great Baptist Church waked up to the importance of the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Southern Baptist Convention realizing the importance of this work upon the believer's heart, and knowing that the greatest good and the most work always results from systematized effort, has in its wisdom organized a board known as the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., to manage and distribute the money collected for the foreign nations.

This Board is officered by some of our most consecrated and devoted men.

Rev. H. H. Harris, of Virginia, is President.

Rev. H. H. Tupper, of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. P. T. Bell, of Virginia, Asst. Correponding Secretary.

Rev. W. C. Bledso, of Alabama, is Vice President for the State of Alabama.

These men make many sacrifices for the good of the Board and for the furtherance of its interests.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, of Marion, who is Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board, is also the agent for the Foreign Mission Board, and moneys sent through him will safely reach their destination.

This Board has the following missions and missionaries dependent upon it :

NAME.	Stations		Missionaries.		Money paid out
	City	Outside	Male	Female	
Chinese	9	34	15	22	$25,837
African	3	22	5	4	9,557
Italian	12	62	2	1	18,900
Brazilian	7	15	2	1	13,422
Mexican	6	23	8	12	22,324
Japanese	1	..	2	2	3,842
Total	38	132	32	31	$99.199

There are also a good many native preachers and teachers who have been converted under the preaching of our missionaries and who have been ordained and commenced their life work who are not included in this report.

To the various stations under the care of the Board, Dr. Tupper reports to the Southern Baptist Convention the sum total of 2377 members, while there was an increase by baptism of 361 during the last year.

The States of our convention contributed last year about $113,000 for foreign missions. Alabama contributed $7,753 of this amount, and the Selma Association from the statistics of the last Association $391. The various womens' societies contributed $34.00. The last does not include the Selma church.

We recommend that this association redouble its endeavors in the coming year, and in order that they may keep abreast with the workings of the Foreign Board, we commend to them the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., at 50 cents per copy.

In a recent issue of our *State Mission Journal*, an editorial announced that the Selma Association was the banner Association of the State, paying more per capita than any other Association in the State.

Let me appeal to each church that they strive to be the banner church of the banner Association, and let us not be satisfied with what we have done, but press on, provoking each other to good works in the matter of contributions.

We recommend the adoption of a systematized effort in taking up collections for this Board, as much expense is attached to delaying the payments till fall.

We recommend that the treasurers of the various churches send the money contributed by their churches as soon as possible after becoming possessed of it.

We recommend that the pastors of all the churches preach at least one sermon on foreign missions during the year, at which time they will take up special collections for missions.

We recommend that every one read the report of Dr. H. A. Tupper contained in the minutes of the Southern Convention at Birmingham.

SIDNEY CATTS,
G. K. BRADLEY,
Committee on Foreign Missions.

Addressed by J. M. Waller, W. A. Whtttle and W. B. Crumpton.

On motion of A. J. Dickinson, the report was amended so as to substitute "Baptist *Denomination*" for "Baptist *Church*." After amendment the report was adopted.

20. The Association unanimously adopted the following resolutions offered by A. J Dickinson:

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention has called the attention of the Baptists of the South to the Centennial of Modern Missions, and suggested the propriety of celebrating it in some fitting way; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to co-operate with the Centennial Committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention for Alabama, and hold such meetings in our Association in the interest of Missions as they may think wise and appropriate, and report at this session, if possible.

The Moderator appointed J. M. Fortune, A. J. Dickenson, I. A. White, A. D. Lawhon, such committee.

21. The motion was made that the subject of State Missions be made the regular order for 1:30 p. m., Wednesday. This resolution was adopted. The resolution was reconsidered and was then laid on the table.

22. W. B. Crumpton called attention to the *State Mission Journal.*

23. Clerk read report on hospitality.

24. J. M. Fortune stated that Rev. W. A. Whittle was present, and suggested that he be requested to deliver a lecture during the Association.

25. The Association adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, after benediction by J. M. Fortune.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

26. Devotional exercises at 9:30 a. m., conducted by J. M. Waller.

27. The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock, and I. A. White led in prayer.

28. On motion of Judge Haralson, the time for the Missionary sermon was changed to 11:30 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock.

29. I. A. White presented the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The matter of education is now claiming considerable attention. This is true especially of the people of the South. Our people are earnestly enlisted in the education of their sons and daughters.

Not to be overshadowed by the great State colleges, the Christian denominations are establishing throughout the country and are maintaining at a high standard, their own institutions of learning. This they do not to antagonize the State, but because it is a recognized necessity. Christians, as a class, are unwilling to send their sons and daughters where religion is not made distinctive. They want the spirit of the Christian home transferred to the halls of the college. Besides it is recognized as a necessity to maintin Christian colleges in order to maintain our pulpits. The Christian College and the Christian pulpit are closely allied.

Under the fostering care of the Baptists of the South is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky. This is our school of the prophets, and is to us an incalculable blessing. Any degree of theological instruction is given, from the plainest English course to the highest attainable in theology. The seminary is steadily growing in influence and importance.

The Baptists of Alabama have two institutions of learning peculiarly their own. Howard College, located at East Lake, has just closed the brightest year in its history. There were matriculated last session 206 students—just twice the number enrolled four years ago.

During the past year the main building has been erected and two brick dormitories.

The order was excellent and the discipline everything that could be desired in a first class college. The work was so gratifying last year that the Board of Trustees publicly thanked the authorities for its results. Of those in attendance thirty-two were ministerial students.

The outlook for the college is cheering for another year. Four brick dormitories are soon to be built and other improvements made.

The Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, is justly esteemed the Vassar of the South. Its magnificent building, with its ample and com o table appointments, make it the peer of any Southern college and the superior of most.

During the session just closed there were enrolled 186 students. From present indications the attendance will be vastly increased next session.

For our sons we commend the Howard, as it is our college, and for the education of our daughters, the Judson. Established and maintained by our fathers, they deserve our warmest and most earnest support. Respectfully submitted,

I. A. WHITE, Chairman.

Bro. White gave the floor to Dr. B. F. Riley, President of Howard College, who addressed the Association at length.

Dr. Cleveland spoke of Howard College.

After a song, Dr. Averett, of the Judson, addressed the Association until time for the Missionary sermon.

30. Missionary sermon by I. A. White, from Luke 6,38, "Give and it shall be given unto you," &c.

31. After the sermon a special collection for Missions was taken and turned over to W. B. Crumpton.

32. Adjourned with benediction by W. B. Crumpton.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

33. The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and was led in prayer by G. E. Brewer.

34. Rev. G. S. Anderson was recognized as the representative of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. G. E. Brewer of the American Baptist Publication Society.

35. The subject of education was again taken up and Dr. Averett resumed his speech and addressed the Association in behalf of the Judson Female Institute.

The report was adopted.

J. F. Ellis offered the following

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER.

J F. Ellis, Treasurer, in account with Selma Association.

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Aug. 7. Amount from Finance Committee $117 50

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Aug. 7. Vouchers from W. B. Crumpton—		
For State Missions, voucher No. 1.	$56 65	
For Home Missions, voucher No. 2	12 80	
For Indigent Ministers, voucher No. 3. . . .	1 69	
For Foreign Missions, voucher No. 4	41 55	
For Ministerial Education, voucher No. 5 . .	5 00	$117 50

Respectfully submitted J. F. Ellis,

Treasurer Selma Association.

36. I. A. White called for the report on State Missions, and A. D. Lawhorn (appointed in place of M. A. Keith) offered the following report and resolution:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board, now in its sixteenth year, is located in our midst.

Your committee beg leave to report that its two secretaries have been members of this Association. Its President is our present Moderator.

There have been employed the past year 54 men. Besides seeking to build churches in destitute places, they seek to improve the missionary spirit in all our churches.

The meetings now being held by the secretary in each association called "Baptist Rallies," in which the questions of Sunday schools, missions, education, temperance and church work are being discussed, should be strictly attended by all.

The work that has been accomplished by the State Board should encourage us to exert ourselves with renewed energy in pushing forward the great work with all the means available, until the gospel is preached in every destitute place in the State.

We have only to look back a few years to see that Birmingham, Anniston, and other places too numerous to mention, which were supplied by the Board, under the blessings of God, have become the strong centers of Baptist influence, contributing their means to send the gospel where it is so much needed.

May the Baptist brotherhood of Alabama unitedly come to the aid of the Board with their money and help increase the number of missionaries until our great State shall be fully covered with the gospel of Christ. "So mote it be."

A. D. Lawhorn.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Association now in session try to raise the $1,200 suggested by the State Mission Board, and the Committee on Apportionment be instructed to apportion the same among the churches.

Discusssed by W B. Crumpton, G. E. Brewer and Dr. Cleveland.

37. Dr. Cleveland took up a special collection for the relief of the Board of Ministerial Education. Report on State Missions adopted.

38. J. M. Fortune offered the report on Sunday Schools, and proceeded to address the Association. After remarks by J. Maller the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find that all the churches in our Association, except one, have Sunday Schools The schools report a total number of officers and teachers, 77; pupils enrolled, 478; amount contributed by Sunday schools for all objects, $466.03.

When we remember that there are reported at the session of our Association 755 members in fellowship with the churches of our Association, and that perhaps one half the number of pupils in our Sunday schools are children, and others who are not members of our churches, it will be seen that only about 200 of the members of churches in this Association, or not one third of our numbers, attend our schools.

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, the "Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention" was created, composed of 15 good brethren, and located at Nashville, Tennessee, with our own Dr. J. M. Frost as Corresponding Secretary.

This Board publishes a full line of well graded Sunday school literature of the very highest order, and all profits arising from the publication and sale of literature, goes in the treasury of the Convention.

We recommend this Board and all its literature to the prayerful consideration and patronage of all our Sunday schools.

R. B. Hardy,
J. F. Ellis,
J. M. Fortune.

39. J. F. Ellis was excused from further attendance on the Association.

40. The Moderator made announcements for to-morrow, and on motion of Judge Haralson the Association adjourned after prayer by I. A. White.

SECOND DAY—Night Session.

Lecture on Jerusalem, by W. A. Whittle.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

41. Devotional exercises conducted by I. A. White.

42. The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock. Opened with prayer by J. M. Waller.

43. Report on Temperance was called for and was read by W. H. May from the committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to submit their report:

Temperance, as defined by Webster, first, is moderation; particularly habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of natural appetites and passions; restrained or moderate indulgence, as temperance in eating and drinking; temperance in the enjoyment of joy or mirth.

Temperance in eating and drinking is opposed to gluttony and drunkenness, and in any other indulgences to excess. But for our consideration the use of intoxicants is most be considered, and most to be dreaded are spirituous liquors in their various forms.

Take the criminal record, and nine cases out of every ten, convicts confess spirituous liquors to be the cause of their trouble. The greater portion of the medical profession claim that whisky as a medicine does no substantial benefit, that as the effects pass off the condition of the patient is as much below the normal state, as it was raised above it by the administration of whisky.

Anciently, when men lived to the age of an hundred years and more, fermented and distilled spirits were not known.

When Alexander Selkirk was cast upon the Island of Juan Fernandez, he was without liquors for four years, he became very strong, much above the strength of an ordinary man, but when he was taken on board an English vessel he began to drink beer and other liquors, and in one month's time was no stronger than other men.

John Locke, a man of very feeble constitution, but of grand intellect, was afflicted with asthma, made water his common drink and lived to be 73 years old.

Temperance, says Addison, has those particular advantages above all other means of health, that it may be practiced by all ranks and conditions, at any season or in any place. It is a kind of regimen into which every man may put himself without interruption to business, expense of money, or loss of time. Phil. 4:5 says: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The

Lord is at hand;" also Luke 21:34 says: "And take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares." Fraternally submitted.

ALFRED EDWARDS.
W. H. MAY,
Committee.

Spoken to by J. M. Waller, S. J. Catts, J. M. Fortune and I. A. White, and was adopted.

S. J. Catts presented the report on Literature, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

This work is of the greatest importance at this juncture of the world's history.

Pure literature is one of the greatest blessings that man can have, while impure literature is the greatest curse of the land.

In this busy age of the world the newspapers are largely taking the place of books in the mind of the public. The business man has not time to read a book, but reads the daily newspaper while the breakfast is being prepared. The farmer, busy with his crops, can take the newspaper to the field and read in the shade of the trees while he watches the negroes work.

There is no more demoralizing agent than the generality of newspapers of to-day. Just let a hideous murder be committed, and all the horrible particulars are portrayed. Just let a murderer be hung, and they spend columns on the description of the same.

While every conceivable circumstance of evil is published in diabolical detail in these scavengers of newsgatherers.

We, as an Association, should guard against a visitor who visits our homes fifty-two times a year and brings a dose of poison to our children every time they come.

Resolved, therefore, That we will not take those newspapers that encourage sensationalism by hideous details concerning murder, arson, rape, and all such kindred evils.

Resolved, That we will let no immoral or impure book come into our homes.

Resolved, That each head of a home in our Association will furnish plenty of moral, pure, elevating and religious reading for their families.

Resolved, That we cordially support the Bible Colportage Board, located at Opelika, Ala., of which Bro. J. B. Collier is Secretary.

This Board has charge of Bibles and religious books of our denominational preference and song books of sacred nature.

These books are as cheap as they can be sold.

This is our Board and it is our duty to support it.

All the profits of the Board is simply turned back and thus increases the capacity of the Board to do good. We heartily commend this Board to the Association.

Bro. J. B. Collier can also supply all the Sunday School literature our churches may need. In ordering, we advise the various secretaries to state explicitly that they want the Kind Word series, as they are our series adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recommend that every Sabbath School have a circulating library of religious books for the children.

Respectfully, SIDNEY CATTS.

44. Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by I A. White.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

45. The Association was called to order at 1:30.

46. Report on Ministerial Education was read by D. B. Edwards.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee find that the Board of Ministerial Education aided about 40 young men last year in Howard College and other places. Most of these men want and need to continue their studies at school; besides, other will apply for aid to enter school.

The churches during the past year did not give the Board enough money to meet the absolute necessary expenses attending this work, therefore the Board is now in debt. They have done all possible with the means given them, and are entirely dependent upon the church for help.

The future before the Baptist cause in Alabama depends in a large measure upon an educated ministry. These men that the Board are aiding to educate are worthy and give promise of great usefulness, if properly educated, of bringing great honor to the Baptist cause in Alabama and of successful combat in the cause of our blessed Redeemer in the future progress of our work.

It will take $3,500 to meet the needs of the work during the coming year. They will need one-half or this amount by the 1st of October. We would urge therefore the churches to be prompt and liberal in contributing to this particular work.

Signed. D. B. EDWARDS,
W. D. MORGAN,
Committee.

Discussed by D. B. Edwards, I. A. White and J. M. Waller, and was adopted.

47. Clerk read the report on Time and Place.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We recommend that Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1892 be the time, and Providence Church, Dallas county, be the place of next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted U. J. CRUMPTON. Chairman.

Adopted without discussion.

48. The report on apportionment was read by the chairman as follows:

49. REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Ash Creek	$ 15 00	$ 5 00	$ 20 00
Benton	15 00	5 00	20 00
Bethany	25 00	5 00	30 00
Center Ridge	50 00	15 00	65 00
Mt. Gilead	50 00	15 00	65 00
Orrville	50 00	25 00	75 00
Pleasant Hill	70 00	20 00	90 00
Providence	73 00	25 00	100 00
Selma	500 00	150 00	650 00
Sister Springs	5 00	5 00	10 00
Shiloh	70 00	70 00	80 00
Town Creek	75 00	75 00	95 00
	$1000 00	$ 300 00	$1300 00

We would urge and request of the churches that one half of the above amounts be paid by the first of November.

Respectfully submitted, D. B. EDWARDS,
JOE SWINK,
W. H. MAY,
P J. HINES,
Committee.

50. I. A. White offered a resolution earnestly urging the churches to add 25 per cent to the above subscriptions for missions, which was passed.

51. W. E. Clark, from the committee, presented as follows the

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee makes the following appointments subject to the assent of the convention:

For delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Atlanta, Ga., May 1892—H. S. D. Mallory; alternate, B. F. Ellis.

For State Convention—M. H. Traylor, Joe Swink, Miles Hardy, P. W. Johnson, T M. Johnson, Lewis Johnson, B. F. Ellis, Dr. W. R. Hardy, Dr. Stewart, R. R. Kornegay.

THOS. M. JOHNSON,
W. E. CLARK,
L. A. MOSELEY,
Committee.

Which report was adopted.

52. The Moderator announced the following committees to report at next session:

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

State Missions—S. J. Catts, G. K. Bradley, Jack Dudley.

Home Missions—J M. Fortune, D. Lyon, Stewart Morgan.

Foreign Missions—A. J. Dickinson, L. A. Moseley, G. W. Burt.

Sunday Schools—A. Edwards, Miles Hardy, Geo. W. Lancaster

Education—I. A. White, D. B. Edwards, T. M. Johnson.

Temperance—A. D. Lawhorn, Henry Miley, J. W. Bailey.

Ministerial Education—Jos. Swink, L. L. Purce, P. W. Johnson.

Indigent Ministers' Fund—W. H. May, W. E. Clark, Ed. Hicks.

Literature—U. J. Crumpton, J. C. Yates, Geo. Ernest.

53. M. H. Traylor read the

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

Your committee report that the churches have contributed $705 during the last associational year to the Indigent Ministers Fund. There are no indigent ministers in our association. We recommend that this sum be turned over to Bro. W. B. Crumpton to be appropriated to the general fund.

M. H. TRAYLOR, Chairman.

54. D. B. Edwards read the following:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered Mt. Gilead Church and community for kind and hospitable welcome and care during the present session," which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

55. On motion a special collection was taken for the minutes fund.

56. On motion, Rev. J. M. Fortune was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and S. J. Catts the Misssionary Sermon next year.

57. Roll was called and absentees marked.

58. There being no further business the Association, after a song and prayer, adjourned to meet with Providence Church (five miles south of Orrville) On Tuesday before the second Sunday in August, 1892.

H. S. D. MALLORY, Moderator.

WILLIAM F. MOSELEY, Clerk.

RECORD OF THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZED IN 1883 WITH ELEVEN CHURCHES AROUND SELMA.

Years.	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1883.	Shiloh (org'niz'd)	B. F. Ellis.....	E. F. Baber.....	H. W. Edwards..
1884.	Mt. Gilead.....	E. F. Baber.....	I. R. Eskew.....	H. W. Edwards..
1885.	Center Ridge....	E. F. Baber.....	M. H. Traylor....	B. P. Moseley.....
1886.	Providence.....	E. F. Baber.....	I. R. Eskew.....	J. B. Ellis.....
1887.	Pleasant Hill....	H. S. D. Mallory.	I. R. Eskew.....	J. F. Ellis.....
1888.	Town Creek.....	A. D. Lawhorn...	J. M. McIver.....	J. F. Ellis.....
1889.	Orrville.....	A. D. Lawhorn..	J. M. McIver.....	J. F. Ellis.....
1890.	Shiloh.....	H. S. D. Mallory.	W. F. Moseley....	J. F. Ellis.....
1891.	Mt. Gilead.....	H. S. D. Mallory.	W. F. Moseley....	J. F. Ellis.....

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Barnes, J. E. (*l.*)	East Lake, Ala.
Burt, R. M. (Removed)	
Catts, S. J. (*p.*) Mt. Gilead, Shiloh	Pleasant Hill, Ala.
Dickinson, A. J. (*p.*) Selma	Selma, Ala.
Fortune, J. M. (*p.*) Bethany, Sister Springs	Pleasant Hill, Ala.
McCord, J. M. (Removed to Unity Association)	Verbena, Ala.
Moseley, A. G. (*l.*)	East Lake, Ala.
Smoke, J. M. (*p.*) (Removed to Unity Association)	———
White, I. A. (*p*) Orrville, Providence. From Bethel Association	Orrville, Ala.

NOTE—(*p.*) means Pastor; (*l.*) Licentiate.

This contains the names only of ministers who reside in the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND WOMENS' SOCIETIES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Churches.	Superintend't.	Post Office.	Officers & teachers.	Pupils on roll.	No. Periodicals taken.	No. Baptisms.	Contributions. Missions.	Contributions. Sundries.	No. volumes in Library.
Ash Creek	A. D. Lawhorn	Benton	4	22	10	..	.....	.....	....
Benton	.....	.....	..	...	...	...	.....	.....	....
Bethany	A. Edwards	Collirene	4	12	....	1	....8....	8 00	....
Center Ridge	J. P. Melton	Munter	5	35	....	2	.....	15 00	....
Mt. Gilead	W. H. May	Benton	8	48	....	..	.....	.....	....
Orrville	J. A. Mauldin	Orrville	5	34	....	1	.....	35 00	....
Pleasant Hill	W. R. Hardy	Pleasant Hill	7	60	....	2	.....	.....	....
Providence	Levi Johnson	Orrville	8	35	....	3	6 50	10 00	....
Selma	H. S. D. Mallory	Selma	18	130	....	..	.....	.....	....
Shiloh	R. D. Stone	Sardis	5	40	....	..	.....	.....	....
Sister Springs	M. L. Grumbles	Tyler	4	25	....	..	.....	.....	....
Town Creek	J. F. Ellis	Polk	9	35	....	4	35 97	.....	245
.....	.....	.....	77	476	10	13	$42 47	$68 00	245

WOMENS' SOCIETIES.

President.	Post Office.	No. Members	Contributtions. Missions.	Contributtions. Ministerial Education.	Contributtions. Church Improvements	Contributtions. Total.
No report	.....	..	.....	....	.....	.....
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No report	.....	..	.....	....	.....	.....
.....	.....	..	27 00	....	....	$27 00
Mrs. J. A. May	Benton	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. B. F. Ellis	Orrville	14	60 00	.....	.....	60 00
Mrs. W. R. Hardy	Pleasant Hill	11	29 00	.....	.....	29 00
Mrs. Jno. Shields	Crumptonia	16	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
No report	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Merely mentioned	.....	..	.....	....	.....	.....
No report	.....	..	.....	....	.....	.....
R. D. Stewart	Soapstone	6	28 20	....	.....	28 20
.....	.....	..	$141 70	....	.....	$141 70

STATISTICS OF SELMA ASSOCIATION—1891.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	No. or. minister's	No. lic'd minister's	Membership last reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present membership.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meeting.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.				
Ash Creek	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin	M. E. Bell	Gordonsville			*16								2	10	1		
Benton	Lowndes						11									9			No
Bethany	Lowndes	J. M. Fortune	A. Edwards	Collirene	1		14	1			1	3			1	12	3		
Centre Ridge	Dallas	W. D. Fay	R. F. Rowell	Carlowville			55	3								54	2		
Mt. Gilead	Lowndes	S. J. Catts	M. H. Traylor	Benton			28	4	2						1	31	3		Yes
Orrville	Dallas	I. A. White	G. W. Burt	Orrville	1	1	31	1	2	1						34	1 & n't	4	Yes	Yes
Pleasant Hill	Dallas	W. D. Fay	J. W. Bailey	PleasantHill	1	1	*52	3	1	5	1	3	1	2	3	56	4	Yes	Yes
Providence	Dallas	I. A. White	T. W. Berry	Tasso			71	3	1							66	2 4 n'ts		Yes
Selma	Dallas	A. J. Dickinson	A. J. Goodwin	Selma			327	3	14	1	1			4	3	339	2, 2, 3, 4, 5.	Yes	Yes
Shiloh	Dallas	S. J. Catts	W. E. Clark	Soapstone			*71		2	16	2	1	1			89	1	No	
Sister Springs	Dallas	J. M. Fortune	M. L. Grumbles	Tyler			16					2				14	4	Yes	
Town Creek	Dallas	J. J. Pipkin	J. C. Fortune	PleasantHill			*38	6	2			4			3	49	1	Yes	Yes
Totals							721	24	23	23	5	28	2	6	14	763			

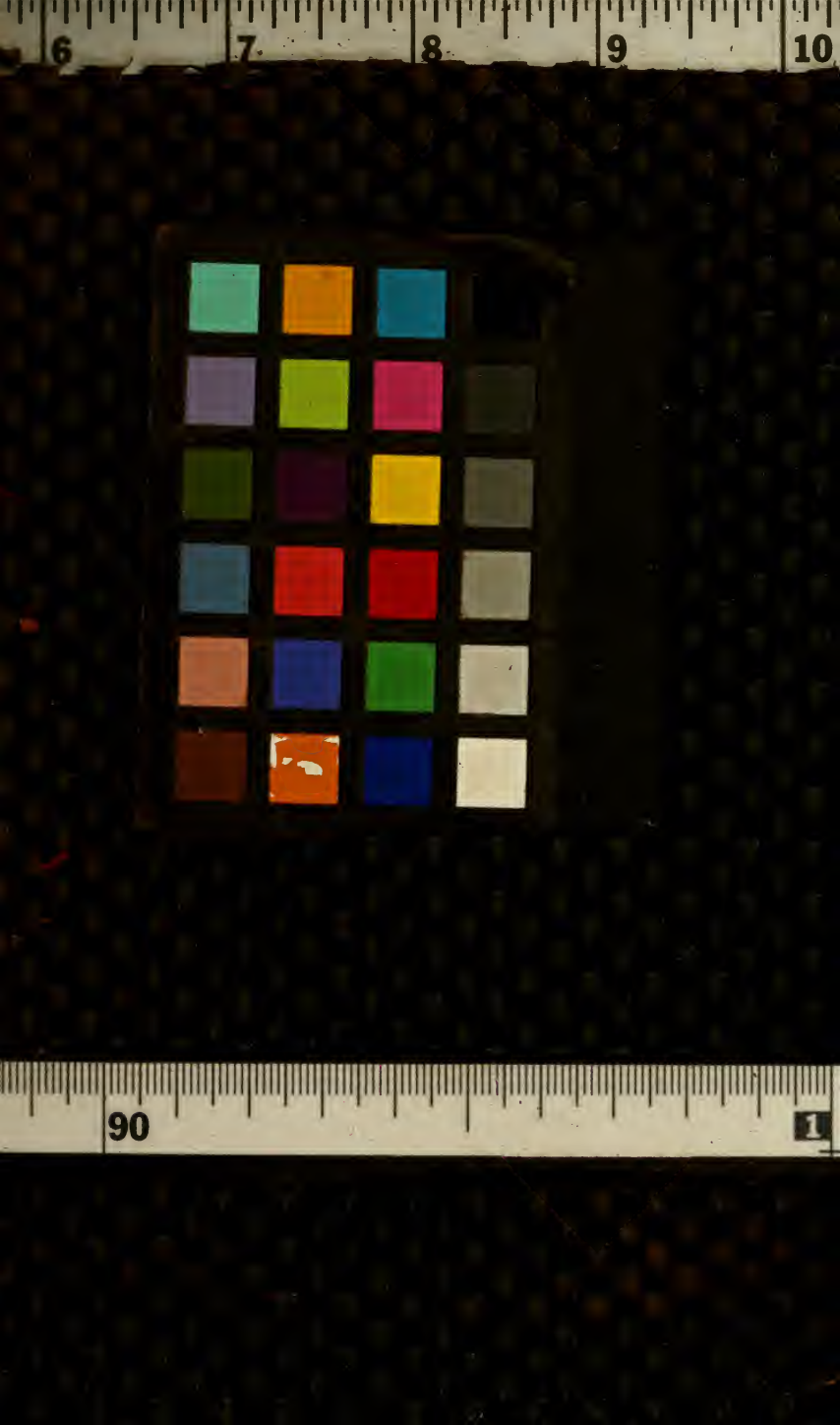
NOTE—Several church clerks made mistakes as to "number of members last reported," so there is some uncertainty about this table.

CLERK.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State missions.	Home missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Judson Institute	Minutes.	Sunday School Expenses.	Indigent Ministers	Bible and Colportage.	Repairs, fuel, the poor, etc.	Church building.	Pastor's Salary.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church property.
Ash Creek	$ 4 00	$.....	$.....	$ 2 25	$..	....	$ 75	$.....	$....	$.....	$ 3 25	$....	$ 140 00	$ 150 25	.....
Bethany	3 85	2 54	3 07	.....	6 59	....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	4 00	85 00	110 05	1,500
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Ridge	15 50	6 32	6 38	57 00	.....	.....	1 50	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	206 40	319 9.	3,000
Mt. Gilead	23 05	12 25	13 10	.....	.....	.....	2 00	25 00	2 00	.....	350 00	.....	150 00	577 50	1 500
Orrville	25 65	26 50	26 50	.....	60 00	....	2 00	14 78	.....	.....	250 00	45 00	250 00	700 43	2,200
Pleasant Hill	31 38	14 29	19 16	24 58	.....	....	1 50	9 87	.....	.....	35 00	.....	250 00	385 78	2,000
Providence	30 67	22 92	21 41	15 60	.....	....	3 00	12 50	.....	.....	25 00	.....	400 00	530 50	2,000
Selma	120 00	50 00	230 00	100 00	.....	....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	730 00	.....	1,800 00	3,035 00	15,000
Shiloh	30 45	12 60	10 85	.....	.....	....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 90	.....
Sister Springs	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	.....	....	1 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 50	83 00	800
Town Creek	15 96	7 15	10 95	17 82	.....	....	1 50	25 00	5 03	12 80	35 00	21 16	150 00	302 37	825
Totals	$303 31	$157 17	$343 92	$218 65	$66 59	....	$21 25	$120 67	$7 03	$12 80	$1,431 25	$70 16	$3,497 90	$6,293 25	$29,125

Collections taken during the session: For missions, $53.58, ministerial education, $25.60; minutes, $7.53.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